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Chapter 21:
The True Stone Fist

Cast of Characters

Julin
Our heroine, a lively fifteen-year-old. Mastered the Shaolin Stone Fist in her training at Fighting Fang Hall. She searches for her father, Ryu.

Seilin
The eldest sister, a pirate queen. So good at fighting, she can even walk on the air. Keeps a swordfish as a pet.

Juliney
Julin's pet.

Kalin
The middle sister, disciple of the Gold Pavilion. Quiet, but a skilled martial artist.

Hina
Kalin's pet.

Nini the Nun
The only woman in White Lotus Four. Fights with claws and throwing knives.

Drake
Masked man from Li Feng peak. Under orders to retrieve the sisters' bells. A powerful adversary with superhuman skills.

Kuichi the Dog
One of the White Lotus Four. Inhumanly strong.

Bai Wang
The White Queen of the White Lotus Clan, superhumanly strong. Wants the sisters' bells, said to hold the Secret of Shaolin--the power to rule the world!

STORY SO FAR: It is an age when warriors rule. After an attack by Bai Wang's White Lotus Clan, Julin's master uses his dying breath to inform Julin that she has two long-lost sisters, each of whom possesses a magic bell like her own. Julin embarks on a quest to find them and, after fighting off further attacks from members of the White Lotus Clan, Julin is reunited with her sisters. Bai Wang attacks the sisters on Seilin's pirate vessel, but the battle is interrupted by the mysterious Drake, who also demands the sisters' bells. When the dust settles, Drake is holding Kalin and Julin's bells, and Bai Wang is holding Seilin's bell. After a fierce battle at the White Lotus camp, Julin, Kalin, and the White Lotus Clan chase Drake to Li Feng Peak. Emerging victorious from a hard-fought duel with two of the White Lotus Four--Kuichi and Nini--the two sisters are reunited with Seilin, and the three decide to climb the foreboding peak together. Near the top of the peak, Drake and Bai Wang face off for a third time. Bai Wang is assaulted by a mysterious, sentient force that seems to peer into her very soul, but she manages to steel her formidable will and resist its attack. Farther down on the slopes of the peak, the three sisters face new enemies: Sanji and Shino of the White Lotus Four. The sisters are hard-pressed and near exhaustion when a strange ki power comes welling up from the mountain itself! Will they be able to turn the battle around?!

WHAT LINK DO THEY HAVE TO THIS MOUNTAIN?

WHO ARE THESE GIRLS?!

TO DRAW THE KI FROM LI FENG PEAK...

IT'S GONE!

ALL THAT FATIGUE...

WHAT IS THIS SWORD?

THE MOUNTAIN ...

THAT HEAT!

WHAT?

WHAT GIVES?

SOME-THING HAS CHANGED.

SUCH SPEED!

ULTRA-
STRIKE

SPHERE!

THE SWORD'S STUCK TO MY HAND!

I'M SCARED...

HUFF

HA

HUFF

HA

HUFF

HAA

HUFF

GRR...

WHAT'S... GOING ON?

HUFF

HYAA!

VMVM

I DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH HIM, AND HE WENT FLYING...

OH DEAR.

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?!

THAT CAN'T BE FAIR.

HMPH. TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME.

GRR.

OH!

GAH!

WHAAA!!

YES...

THE TRUE STONE FIST!

WHO'S THERE!

I...

I FEEL STRANGE.

WHO ARE YOU?!

CAN YOU STAND?

JULIN!

JULIN!

SANJI SPLIT AGAIN!

KALIN...

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ULTRASTRIKE SPHERE!

WATCH OUT, JULIN! SPHERE!

NNH!

!!

...WHICH ONE'S THE REAL ONE!

OKAY ...

HOPE I CAN DO THIS...

HA!

KALIN! LOOK OUT!

GOTCHA

HEH HEH

THAT ONE!

Shaolin

Stone

Fist

JULIN!

HIYAHH!

GAH!

HMPH

CLASSY...

HINAAA!
(IS IT OVER?)

UWAAA!

OUCH

HEY!

SANJI!

WATCH OUT!

IDIOT!

WA--

SANJI!

SHE USED TOO MUCH POWER AT ONCE...

UHNN...

HMPH.

STILL A LITTLE PIGGY.

WINA

I WAS IMPRESSED.

I'M SURE..

I'M SURE SHE'LL MASTER THE STONE FIST.

SHE'S TRYING SO HARD...

JULIN?!

BUT STILL REALLY PRETTY!

YOU WERE LIKE STEEL!

WOW JULIN!

JULIN?!

WHAT'S WRONG?

JULIN!

TALK TO ME!

THE KI LEFT BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T WORTHY.

THINK SO?

YOU'RE AS NAIVE AS PIGGY.

I MADE IT MINE!

IT WAS A GIFT FROM LI FENG PEAK!

I'M GLAD.

AH...

THE SWORD.

HINAAAA!

(HEY, THAT'S KALIN'S!)

WE'RE SAFE. THE SWORD'S DUTY IS DONE HERE.

IT'S OKAY, HINA.

HINA...

twitch

COME.

I WILL TAKE ALL THREE OF YOU INSIDE BAI WANG.

YOU ARE LATE!

I'VE COME FOR YOU

EH?

WHAT NOW?

DRAKE.

HUMAN IN FORM...YES,

BUT ARE YOU TRULY HUMAN?

HUHH

HAH

HA

KUFF

POWER-HUNGRY BAI WANG!

WHAT IS BAI WANG?!

BAI WANG...

?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I THREW YOU OUT.

WHAT ARE YOU, BAI WANG?!

HUH?

HA

HA

MUST YOU LEAVE?

HUH

YES...

HAA

HUH

I GO.

I MUST GO.

HA

PLEASE...BE CAREFUL.

WHERE'S DADDY GOING?

WHY?

WHY MUST YOU LEAVE?

HAA

YOU, TOO.

UH...

...BAI WANG?

YOU ARE NOTHING TO ME!

WE ARE INSIDE BAI WANG'S... MIND$!

THIS PLACE..

HOW DO YOU KNOW MY MOTHER$?!

JUST NOW...

THAT WOMAN I SAW JUST NOW...

YEAH!

WHO WAS THAT$?!

HAS DRAKE DONE THIS$?

AAH!

JULIN! KALIN!

WHERE AM I$?

I'D FORGOTTEN FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.

HEH HEH HEH.

I'D FORGOT-TEN.

HEH HEH.

HEH HEH HEH...

WELCOME, GIRLS.

YES... THREE GIRLS...

...AND YOUR MOTHER...

HA HA HA HA !!!!

BAI WANG?!

OUR FATHER...

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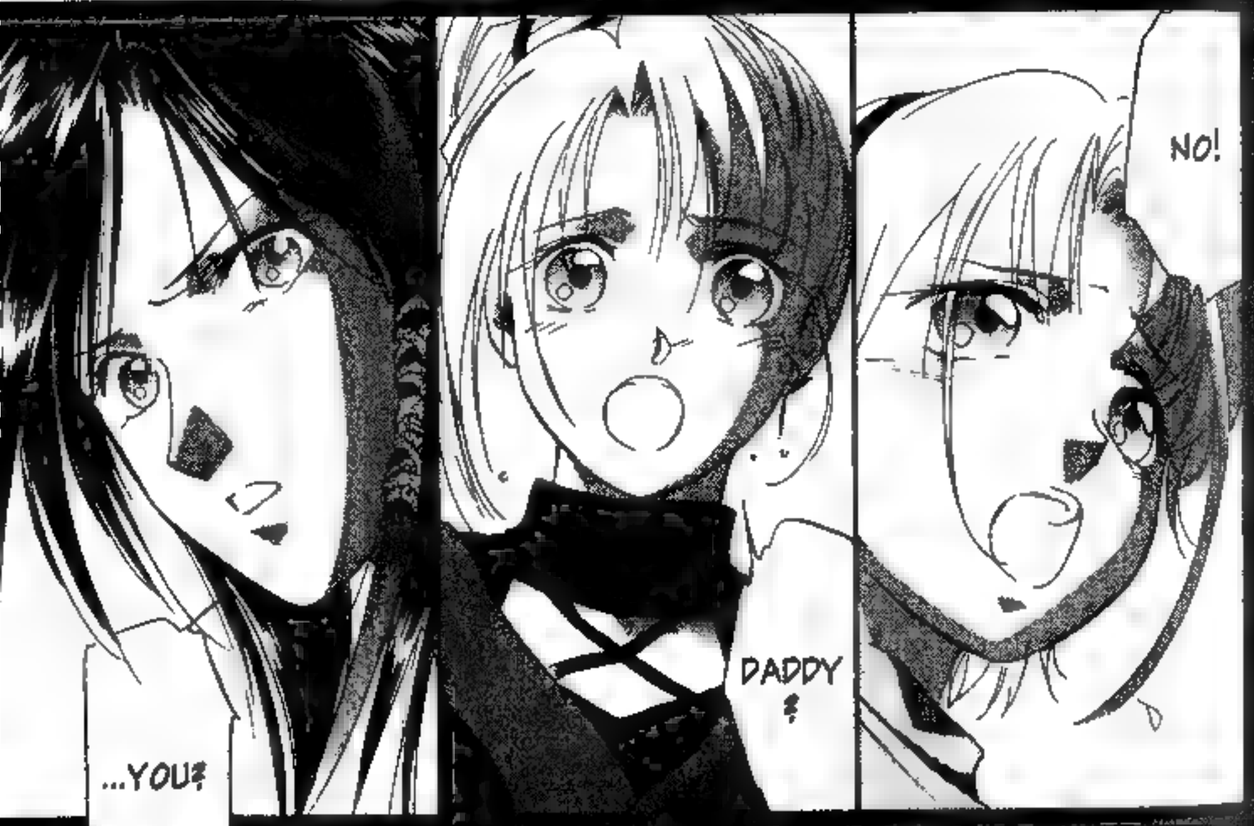

...BAI WANG?!

Chapter Twenty One - End

WHAT IS THIS?

SHE IS THEIR FATHER?!

URP

EH

UM..

HAVE A BREAK!

SHE... IS HUMAN?

...

SILENCE!

I AM RYU NO LONGER!

SILENCE!

SILENCE!

UM ...

BUT...

つん...

YOU'RE A WOMAN!

GULP!

...YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF US?!

OR MAYBE ...

RYU'S A MAN!

RYU...?

HAH HAH HAH...

WHAT...

THE THREE BELLS?!

WHAT DID YOU DO?

HEH ...

HEH HEH ...

HAH

HAH HAH HAH!

...A BELL!

I THREW ALL OF THAT AWAY.

YES...

HEH!

HEH HEH...

WHAAAT?!

GET OUT...
YOU'RE SPOILING MY DRINK.

...WHEN?

YES... IT'S VERY DEAR TO ME.

YOU KNOW... I HAD A BELL ONCE...

...

ごろ

I FORGET.

WHERE DO YOU GO, TRAVELER?

YOU LOOK STRONG.

I WAS LOOKING FOR A STRONG MAN.

I DON'T KNOW...

THEN...

...LET ME SHOW YOU.

HH...

BAI WANG!

I CANNOT CONTROL THIS ONE...

SUCH A STRONG WILL!

INCON-CEIVABLE.

THESE THREE GIRLS...

HAH HAH

HAH HAH HAH !

THE WORDS RING TRUE!

IT IS TRUE!

HAH
HAH
HAH
!!

DRAKE!

YOU MUST STOP THIS ONE!

HAH
HAH
HAH
!!

MWAH
HAH
HAH
!

...RYU?

IS SHE REALLY ...

BAI WANG AND DRAKE!

LOOK!

HERE THEY GO AGAIN!

MY POOR SHIP! GRR...

DAMN!

KIO!

JULIN!

JULIN!
WATCH
OUT!

KIO!

EEK!
HELP!

JULIN!

YOU
LISTENING
TO ME?!

KIO
...

HE'S
DRAKE
NOW!

HE'S
NOT
KIO!

NO...
HE IS.

HYA

A-A-A!!

SUCH STRENGTH... BAI WANG.

HAA

HUFF

HUFF

HAA

DRAKE HAS REACHED THE LIMIT OF HIS.

YET YOU, TOO, WEAKEN!

HUFF

BE ONE WITH DRAKE, MY ALLIES!

THIS IS OUR CHANCE!

KIO !

!

JULIN, NO!

UWAA ...

WHAT?!

WHAT'S THAT?

KIO'S BODY IS GLOWING!

UUU ...

WE WILL CONTROL BAI WANG TOGETHER!

KIO!

JULIN!

STAY BACK!

...YOU SEEK TO POSSESS ME.

SO...

GUH ...

KRRR ...

HE'S DRAKE NOW.

DON'T YOU REMEMBER? HE'S TURNED ON YOU BEFORE!

KIO.

ズズ…

KIO!

HE'S NOT KIO!

REMEMBER?!

KIO!

HAA

HUFF

HAA

PUFF

KIO KILLS ME...

EVEN IF...

I DON'T CARE ANYMORE, KALIN.

AT LEAST IT WAS HIM.

JULIN?!

IT'S OKAY, KALIN.

KIO...

HUFF

HUFF

HA

MY...NAME...IS...DRA...DRAK...

KALIN?

SEILIN, NO.

JULIN!

PIGGY! STOP!

KIO!

KIO...

KIOOOO!

KI...
KIO?

SNIFF!

UWAAH!

WE TRAINED TOGETHER!

REMEMBER FIGHTING FANG HALL!

KIO...

I WANT TO FLY WITH YOU, KIO.

FLY WITH ME...

YES...

THIS CAN'T BE!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

ONCE RYU, NOW BAI WANG ...

ONCE HUMAN, NOW--?

?

BAI WANG ?

HEH HA HAH!

HAH HAH!

HAH HAH!

I SHALL TAKE IT!

KIO! HELP!

JULIN!

THE GROUND ...

WOW!

IF YOU TRULY BEAR THE SECRET..

MY PATH IS CLEAR.

YES...

I AM MORE THAN HUMAN.

AND MORE THAN YOU!

UUH!

KALIN !!

--IS THIS WIND!

WHAT--

Chapter 23: Karma

HA HAH HAH HAH HAH HAAH !!!

HA HAH HAH HAH HAH HAAH !!!

KYAAAH!

Chapter Twenty Two - End

ゴロ
ゴロ..
ゴロ

SEI...

HAA

HUFF

HAA

HAA

HAA

...

SEILIN
...

SEILIN
...

BELL--

IT'S TRUE...

MASTER ...

MY BELL!

...?

OUR BELLS!

BELLS!

BELLS.

YOURS ARE HERE, TOO.

SEILIN ?

KIO IS GONE!

I DON'T ...

OH...

スク

WHERE'S KIO?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE KIO WENT?

きょう

HEY..

JM.

HE IS NOT THE ONE YOU ONCE KNEW!

KIO?!

AH!

WHERE'S KIO?

YIPES!

...

KIO?

...AH.

UHH ...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

JULIN!

JULIN ...

.....

GOOD ...

YOU'RE BOTH OKAY!

OUCH ...

YOU...

WATCH!

KIO! HE'S HURT.

WH--

WHO ARE YOU?!

A LITTLE OLD MAN!

A MAN?

MEWA

THAT LIGHT ...

... WHAT IS IT?

KIO!

WRONG!

KIO'S WOUNDS ...

... THEY'RE FADING!

WHO ARE YOU?

YOU!

SNIFF

OOOO

WHO IS THE ANCIENT ONE?

YES.

HE HAS ESCAPED THE ANCIENT ONE'S CONTROL..

BUT HIS BODY IS NO LONGER FLESH.

YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE BALLS OF LIGHT ARE?

SEILIN ...

THE KIO YOU KNEW...HAS FADED.

AS YOU SAW...

HE IS NO LONGER HUMAN.

HE CAN'T FADE!

...YES.

HE WAS THE OLD KIO AGAIN!

I SAW THE LIGHT LEAVE HIS BODY!

HE REMEMBERED ME!

FLY WITH ME...

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

...YOU'RE LATE.

EVEN YOUR FATHER... AND MOTHER!

I KNOW ALL.

MY NAME IS GINSENG.

FOR 1,000 YEARS, I HAVE LIVED ON THIS MOUNTAIN.

.....

BEATEN BY A FEW GIRLS!

THE WHITE LOTUS FOUR...

BAI WANG?

HMPH ...

LOSERS!

WHAT AM I TO DO WITH YOU...

WELL, NOW.

HOW DOES IT TASTE?

THE POWER TO RULE THE WORLD!

YOU NEED MORE POWER.

!!

IN ANCIENT TIMES, THERE WAS A BATTLE.

MEN FOUGHT THINGS THAT WERE NOT MEN.

HEH HEH HEH ...

HEH HEH HEH ...

HE HEH HEH ...

HEH HEH HAH HAH!

HAH HAH HAHAA HAA HAH HAH HAHAA HAA !!!!!!!!!!

PUFF

HAA

HUFF

WHAA:

AAH!

AAA!

AH!

UHH

UHH

I KNOW NOT WHENCE THEY CAME.

THEY EXISTED LONG BEFORE THE TIME OF MAN.

BUT THEY WERE ONCE PART OF US.

PART OF MAN.

WHO ARE THEY?

THE ANCIENT ONES?

THEY WERE BORN WITH US.

BUT THEN ...

WHY DID THEY FIGHT?

IN THE END, MANKIND WON, AND THERE WAS PEACE.

THE BATTLE RAGED FOR YEARS.

BUT NOT FOR LONG.

THEY DEFEATED THE THINGS THAT WERE NOT MEN...

...BUT THE SOULS OF THE ANCIENT ONES RETURNED.

...IN OUR VEINS.

WE HAVE THE BLOOD OF THE ANCIENTS ...

BUT THAT MEANS ...

OUR MOTHER!

YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS THE ANCIENTS' JAILOR.

WHEN THEIR SOULS STIRRED IN THE MOUNTAIN ...

...HE GAVE THE KEYS, THREE BELLS, TO HIS DAUGH-TERS.

BUT THEN,

THEY ENDED THE WAR.

THEY WERE A NEW RACE: HALF MAN, HALF ANCIENT.

YOUR MOTHER WAS THEIR DESCEN-DANT.

MANKIND DESIRED TOO MUCH!

THE WORLD WAS FINE AS IT WAS...

ALWAYS MORE...

BUT THEY WANTED MORE...

I'LL NEED A MAN...

THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

I MUST GIVE IT TO MY CHILD...

I MUST PROTECT THIS BELL...

BEFORE I DIE...

...AND WITH AVENGING THEIR FATHER.

THE THREE WERE ENTRUSTED WITH THE BELLS...

...AN EVIL SPIRIT ATTACKED HIM ON THIS MOUNTAIN.

YOUR GRAND-FATHER LOST HIS LIFE.

SOON AFTER ...

HE SENT THEM FAR AWAY.

...FOR THEY FEARED THEY WOULD BE CAUGHT.

AND THEY HID THE BELLS...

HIS THREE DAUGHTERS TRAVELED FAR TO ESCAPE THE ANCIENTS.

BUT, THEN THE THREE OF YOU GATHERED.

IN TIME, YOUR MOTHERS PASSED AWAY...

AND THE ANCIENTS LOST THE SCENT OF THE BELLS.

THE BELLS RANG.

AND THE ANCIENTS KNEW.

THEY BEGAN TO STIR AGAIN.

HRM...

YOUR TEACHERS LEFT THEIR JOB HALF DONE.

SORRY!

SHE...IS A GIRL, ISN'T SHE?

WHY'S HE A GIRL?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

AND RYU IS BAI WANG...

RYU TRAVELED THE WORLD, ALWAYS GROWING STRONGER.

...WAS YOUR FATHER, RYU.

YES, THAT MAN...

IT WAS NOT BY CHANCE THAT YOUR MOTHERS FOUND HIM.

HE WAS THE MAN THEY CHOSE.

RYU?

THE STRONGEST MAN...

IN THE MARTIAL ARTS, RYU WAS UNRIVALED.

HOW-EVER...

...HIS DESIRES WENT BEYOND THE REALM OF HUMANITY.

HE WANTED IMMOR-TALITY.

DEEP INTO THE MOUNTAINS HE WENT.

THERE, HE LEARNED THE ALCHEMICAL ARTS...

...AND HE MADE HIS DRAUGHT OF IMMORTALITY.

HE THREW AWAY THE MAN HE WAS.

AND AFTER A PAINFUL NIGHTMARE LASTING 100 DAYS...

...HE BECAME ...

...A WOMAN.

HMM...

WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE!

YEAH, RIGHT.

HINA...

CAN HE GO BACK? WITH SURGERY, MAYBE?

THE BELLS!

I FEEL THEM!

I CAN FEEL IT!

HEH HEH HEH ..

YOU HAVE COME TO ME!

HEH HEH HEH...

SO CLOSE!

NOW COME CLOSER!

THEY RING AS ONE!

Chapter 24:
Father...and Nemesis

THIS ONE...

...HAS JOINED THE ANCIENTS' SOULS!

NO! THERE ARE NO SOULS LEFT!

I'VE FOUND YOU, MY DAUGHTERS!

Chapter Twenty-three - End

BAI WANG!

MORE THAN HEALED... INVINCIBLE!

WE ARE HEALED...

I HAVE TAPPED THEM ALL!

THIS POWER BAI WANG GAVE US!

IT'S AMAZING!

HEH ...

HOPE YOU'RE READY!

YES!

THIS MUST BE HER SECRET STRENGTH!

THAT'S MINE!

OF COURSE I DO!

GIVE IT BACK!

THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER.

STILL ...

YOU ARE SO MUCH LIKE YOUR MOTHER.

REALLY ...

SHE WAS THE FEISTIEST ONE BY FAR...

THAT FEISTY ATTITUDE!

OH...

WANT IT BACK?

JULIN...

THE MORNING SUN ROSE...

...ALWAYS LOOKING STRAIGHT INTO THE EAST.

...I GO EAST.

NO...

THE WIND SAYS EAST IS BAD.

I CANNOT GO...
I MUST PROTECT THE CHILD!

I CHOOSE EAST!
TOWARD THE
RISING SUN!

GOOD BYE, RYU...

HEH HEH HEH ...

YOU BOYS TAKE THE OTHER TWO.

HMM...

FEISTY, YES...

JULIN!

IF YOU WANT IT, TAKE IT FROM ME!

AND YOU!

THE SOULS SAY YOU'RE IN MY WAY, OLD MAN!

SEILIN!

STILL TOO SLOW!

HINA!

THANKS, HINA!

TO BATTLE!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!

HYAH!

HA!

I THOUGHT YOU DIED!

SHARK'S FINE.

I KNOW IT.

WOR- RIED ABOUT YOUR SHARK ?

HAH HAH HAAA!

WHAT DID BAI WANG DO TO HIM? HE'S SO MUCH STRONGER...

LGH

スリ

RAM SPHERE!

OH, NO!

GRAMPS, GET DOWN!

YES. STARTING WITH THE OLD MAN!

HUH

HUH

HAA

SHALL WE WRAP THIS UP?

HEH HEH HEH.

NOOOO!

BLOOD RUSH!

AA!

AAAA!

UGH.

UNH!

NOW, NINI!

I'M ON IT!

CAN'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

YOU TRAITOR!

YOU...

IGA?!

PLEEEASE!

IGA!

KOFF!

IGA...

YOU'RE ...

THEY'RE COMING AGAIN.

WHAT WAS I THINKING?

IGA!

IGA...

I HAVE TO SAVE HIM!

UWAAAAAAH!

RAM SPHERE!

YOU FACE KALIN, OF THE GOLD PAVILION!

AH?!

MY POWER IS FADING...
WHY?! I CAN'T FOCUS...

WHAT'S THIS?

RUNNING SO SOON?

DAMMIT!

NOT AGAIN!

WHERE'D THAT SWORD COME FROM?

HUFF

HUFF

HAA

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

!!

THAT POWER FROM THE EARTH!

COMING THROUGH MY BELL.

IT'S BACK...

IT FILLS ME.

WH- WHAT!

YOU SEEM DOWN.

HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS?

NOT... NOT AFTER...

WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME.

GOTTA GO IN CAREFULLY

HIYA!

WHAT?!

KUICHI!

GWAAH!

WHERE'D SHE COME FROM?

SO FAST!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SOMEONE'S HELPING ME, TOO.

YES ...

TRY TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

IF YOU CAN!

--GO?

EH ...?!

WHERE'D SHE--

WHAZZAT!

AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE BRAIN-DEAD.

HMM ...

SO YOU HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING, THEN.

I AM YOUR FATHER, AFTER ALL.

SO SWEET ...

I SHOULD REALLY TEACH YOU MORE...

THAT HAS GOT TO BE A LIE...

I MEAN, THAT IS DEFINITELY A CHICK.

...YOU KILLED MY MASTER!

SHE'S GETTING TOO CLOSE!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

PLUS ...

HEH HEH!

HMPH

HMM

HMM

UHH...

HUFF

UNH...

MUST ...

MUST BE STRONGER ...

!!

A...

YOU'RE NO MATCH.

SPAR-RING'S OVER.

RYU!

HYAH!

OW!

I WANT YOUR POWER!

I WON'T LOSE! YOUR POWER...

I WON'T LOSE!

KOFF

KOFF

...

...

I WON'T LOSE!

...

WHAT'S THIS KI INSIDE ME!

I... I'M OVER-FLOWING!

...?!

...WHAT?

WHEN I STRUCK YOU, I RELEASED THE FIST.

USE IT, JULIN! THE TRUE FIST!

...WHY?

...SAID THE SAME THING.

YOUR MOTHER...

I MUST BE STRONGER!

AH!

...ALL THAT IS PAST!

...I COULD NOT GIVE YOU MY STRENGTH.

BECAUSE ...

NOW...

.....

SHAOLIN
STONE
FIST!

Chapter 25:
Finale: To My Daughters

TO KNOW THE FIST IS TO KNOW OFFENSE AND DEFENSE AS ONE!

...YOU COULD GO SO MUCH FURTHER!

MAKE YOUR WHOLE BODY A WEAPON!

HOW-EVER...

HUH HUH

SO YOU WERE ABLE TO STOP MY ATTACK.

AA!

SEE ?

SEE ?!

GRR ...

I WON'T LOSE!

WHAT'S WRONG, JULIN?

HEH HEH HEH.

HEH

AH!

I SAW A MAN...

FOR JUST A MOMENT, I SAW...

...MY FATHER.

...FATHER...!

HMM...

NOT BAD.

DON'T FORGET THAT FEELING.

?!

WHY APPEAR NOW?

WHY?

YOU ...

YOU'RE RYU!

IT'S BAI WANG... SHE'S--

--RYU?!

YES...

YOU CAN SEE ME NOW?

YOU HAVE GROWN STRONG, SEILIN.

SO IT IS TRUE.

HE HAS BECOME BAI WANG.

AND YOU, KALIN.

BUT...

THAT SWORD IS A MEMORY ...

AH!

OF YOUR MOTHER.

YES ...

USE IT LIKE THIS!

...OF YOUR MOTHERS.

LOOK ...

MEMORIES ...

THAT SWORD IS YOUR FIST!

DO NOT WAIT FOR YOUR ENEMY TO COME TO YOU!

CUT AS YOU WOULD PUNCH!

HACK

KOFF

KOFF

GRR ...

HAA

HAA

MY BODY IS FROZEN...

SO--

SO FAST!

YOU AND YOUR MOTHER, BOTH...

SO KIND.

WH--

WHAT ?

MOTHER

MY PARENTS

TOGETHER

FATHER?

RYU

RYU

RYU

M-MOTHER?

KALIN!

AH!

SHOW ME YOUR FIST!

YES... YOUR THOUGHTS!

SEILIN...

THEY ARE YOUR SECRET.

THE SHAOLIN WATER FIST!

HEY, RYU!

U WA A H!

WATER, FROM THE AIR!

WH...

WHAT'S THAT?!

DAUGHTERS!

I HAVE GIVEN YOU YOUR TEACHINGS!

UWAAAH !

AH!

RYU WAS IN HERE WITH US.

HE IS RYU!

BAI WANG... NO!

RYU...

F FATHER !

BUT NOT FOR LONG.

FATHER ...!

SO MUCH LIKE YOUR MOTHER.

YET YOU FEAR TAKING LIFE!

IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO CUT...

JULIN...

...THIS IS YOURS!

THE RYU INSIDE BAI WANG HAS VANISHED?!

HEH HEH!

HEH HEH HEH!

MY BELL!

BAI WANG, JOINED WITH THE ANCIENTS-- SHE IS A DIFFERENT PERSONA!

HER MIND IS BOTH BAI WANG'S AND THE ANCIENTS'!

MANY IN ONE!

UNH...

UU...

NOW...

GWUH...

HEH...

HEH...

HEH...

WHAT?

THE SKY...

IT'S... RIPPING?!

MAY THE GATES BE MADE OPEN!

...MOTHER.

HMM...

THREE PRINCESSES' BELLS IN THREE DAUGHTERS' HANDS.

THE BELLS HAVE RETURNED TO LI FENG!

NOW THE SEAL SHALL BREAK!

GINSENG!

YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THAT IS!

HEH HEH HEH!

THE HIDDEN SPACE...

WHY HAVE YOU OPENED IT?

...OR FOR THE GIRLS.

I'VE NO USE FOR YOU...

HEH HEH...

MASTER KOH!

IT'S LI FENG...

LET US HOPE KALIN IS SAFE.

WHAT? THAT MOUN-TAIN IS LI FENG?

JULIN...

OH, NO!

NOW, DIE!

KIO!!!

JULIN... FIGHT!

YOU MUST STOP HER!

AH ...!
BAI WANG ?!
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
WHAT THE HELL ...
IS GOING ON?!
THAT IS THE ANCIENTS' PLACE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD!
STOP ME?
JUST TRY IT!
I'VE NO NEED FOR A DYING WORLD!
NONE AT ALL!

THE RIFT IN THE SKY... IT'S SUCKING US IN!

WHAT'S WITH THIS WIND?!

THE WIND!

LET'S GO, JULIN!

IT'S STOP BAI WANG OR BYE-BYE WORLD!

BUT...

BUT...

SHE'S OUR FATHER, ISN'T SHE?

JULIN...

SEILIN !

KA-LIN!

SHARK ...

MADE IT...

IGA ?!

WHERE ARE YOU?

DAUGHTERS...

...MY BODY IS NO LONGER MY OWN!

FOOLS! YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME?!

BAI WANG-- NO--RYU GAVE YOU POWER THAT YOU MIGHT DESTROY HIM!

SISTERS, DO NOT FALTER!

GIN-SENG...

WHY US?

...IS HIS HEART.

THE ONE THING OF RYU LEFT IN THAT MONSTER BAI WANG...

HE SAW YOUR MOTHERS IN YOU!

FATHER

FATHER

I AM...

...NOT BAI WANG!

AND AVENGE YOUR MOTHERS!

REVENGE

RYU!

DEFEAT ME, NOW!

WE FIGHT AS ONE!

SISTERS!

LET'S DO IT.

YOU CALLED US SISTERS!

SEILIN! YOU...

YOU'RE MY SISTERS.

YEAH...

I GIVE UP.

FATHER...

DRAKE...

WE NEED YOUR STRENGTH.

YES.

OUR FATHER!

YOU HEARD HIM, DIDN'T YOU!

IT'S DISAP-PEARING!

THE MOUNTAIN ...

ゴ!! ゴ!! ゴ!

WHAT --?!

THAT LIGHT!

JULIN
...

AND SO, JULIN, KALIN, AND SEILIN PREVAIL... NOT AS INDIVIDUALS, BUT AS A FAMILY!

SEILIN.

KALIN.

...I SEE.

THIS IS THE LIGHT!

Q&A Session in Commemoration of SS#1-5! by Toshiki Hirano*

*(actually, I'm asking the questions, too)

Q: Okay, so spill the beans: you were just sick of doing it, right? That's why you ended it like this!
A: Urp! I mean, there's Dangaioh and all...How can you say that?! Really, things ended pretty much as we planned. We needed a break in the battle, so we decided to stop for now.
Q: So, you're finished. How does it feel?
A: Well, we were aiming for a boy's manga look...but I'm not sure where we ended up. Ms. Kakinouchi had a rough time of it, too; since she usually works in the girl's manga style, it took her twice the time to do these. Since I was just working on the storyboards, it was more or less like doing an anime--made tricky by the fact that we wanted it to be in the style of Hong Kong action films.

Q: Anything you really wanted to write in the first five volumes?
A: Well, the whole thing is really leading up to the final battle, where the three sisters must join together to fight Bai Wang -- who is, in actuality, their dad! -- after realizing that their real enemy is the ancient spirit that has joined with their father. Only by defeating it may they free their father, and to do this their hearts must be as one. That's really the part I'm proudest about.
Q: What about the anime version?
A: It looks like it might happen, but it's hard to say. It's really speculation at this point, and there are a lot of hurdles to leap, but maybe…? Still, there's more in store for the manga version and I think that, even if we did an anime, I'd like to start with a new story…though I would like to show you all the pilot I did with Ms. Kakinouchi.

Q: So what's in store for the next Shaolin Sisters series?
A: We're working on that now! It's a pain to change the setting entirely, so I'm still figuring out what to do with the characters.
Q: Just answer the question!
A: Well, we'll probably use the same characters, but move the action into the modern age, with links to what was happening in the past. I want to get the story closer to the world that the readers live in—but please try to keep an open mind about it!
Q: Hmm...sounds like a move for better sales. But hey, if it's interesting, what do I care?
A: Right! And interesting it will be! I promise part two won't let you down!

A new battle begins for the Shaolin Sisters.

■ Shaolin Sisters 5 - End ■